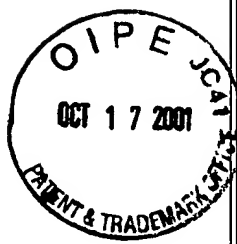


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of July 17, 2001. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

☐ Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a \_\_\_\_ month(s) extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$ \_\_\_\_ for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	20	-	20	0	x \$ 18	\$
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Subtotal						\$ 84.00
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity						-
TOTAL						\$ 84.00

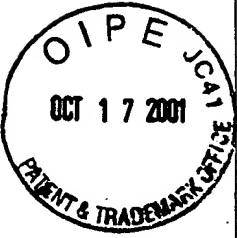
- ☒ A fee of \$84.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.
- ☐ A fee of \$ \_\_\_\_ to cover \_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- ☒ A check for \$84.00 to cover the above fee(s) is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: October 17, 2001

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**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action dated July 17, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 10 and 12, and add new claims 45-47, as follows:

10. (Amended) An access port device comprising:

a body portion having an upper body, a lower body attachable to the upper body, and a self-sealing septum between the upper and lower bodies;

an outlet for fixedly attaching a catheter to the body portion; and

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